GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Revenue Department – Disciplinary action in common proceedings initiated against Sri Munga Venkateswara Rao, formerly Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupathi and (6) others under rule – 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges framed – Enquiry Conducted - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE – I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.167 Dated: 27-01-2020

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General , Vigilance & Enforcement Department, V&E Report No.74 (C.No.4248/V&E/CS/2013), dt.08.08.2017.
2. G.O.Rt.No.227, Revenue (Vig.I)dept., dt. 12.02.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.228 to 234, Revenue(Vig.I)Department, dt. 12.02.2018.
4. Written statement of Defences received from the (7) Charged Officers.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1038, Revenue(Vig.I)dept., dt. 01.08.2018.
6. G.O.Rt.No.1040, Revenue (Vig.I)dept., dt.01.08.2018.
7. Enquiry Report of Joint Collector, Chittoor, in RoC. ASEC0DP/32/2018/A2, dt.13.02.2019.
8. Memo No.16022/9/2017-1, Revenue(Vigilance-I) Department, dt: 23.08.2019.
9. From Sri N. Sudhakar Reddy, Dy. Tahsildar, O/O. RDO, Tirupati, representation dated:21.09.2019.
10. From Sri N. Ramesh Babu, Tahsildar (Retd.), representation dt:23.09.2019.
11. From Sri A.K. Govardhana Swamy, Dy. Tahsildar (Retd.), representation dt:23.09.2019.
12. From Sri A. Prasad, former RDO, Tirupati, representation dt:23.09.2019.
13. From Sri D. Sivasankar Reddy, District Supply Officer, representation dt:25.09.2019.

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O R D E R :

Whereas, Common Disciplinary proceedings were initiated under rule -24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 against the following (7) officials of Revenue and Civil supplies Department of Chittoor District, vide G.O. 2nd read above, by framing articles of charges vide G.Os 3rd read above, on the allegations of diversion of PDS rice and kerosene oil worth Rs 11.76 crores by collecting huge amounts from 7 Fair Price shop dealers in Tirupati municipality:-

1. Sri Munga Venkateswara Rao, formerly RDO, Tirupati
2. Sri A.Prasad, former RDO, Tirupati
3. Sri D.Sivasankar Reddy, former ASO, Tirupati
4. Sri A.K.Govardhan Swamy, Dy.Tahsildar
5. Sri N.Ramesh Babu, former Dy.Tahsildar
6. Sri N.Sudhakar Reddy, Dy.Tahsildar
7. Sri P.Parthasarathy, former Dy.Tahsildar, Chinnagottigallu.

2. In reply, the Charged Officers have submitted their Written Statements of Defence and after examining the same, Govt., vide 5th read above, have appointed Joint Collector-II, Chittoor as Enquiry Officer for conducting enquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officers. In his Enquiry report 7th read above, the Enquiry Officer cum Joint Collector-II, Chittoor has stated that the Charges framed against Sri Munga Venkateswara Rao, formerly RDO, Tirupati; Sri D.Sivasankar Reddy, former ASO, Tirupati; Sri A.K.Govardhan Swamy, Dy.Tahsildar; Sri N.Ramesh Babu, former Deputy Tahsildar; Sri N.Sudhakar Reddy, Dy.Tahsildar and; Sri P.Parthasarathy, former Dy.Tahsildar, Chinnagottigallu are not held proved and that the Charges framed against Sri A.Prasad, former RDO, Tirupati are held proved.

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3. In the Memo 8th read above, a copy of the enquiry report was communicated to the Charged officers for obtaining their explanation on the findings of the Enquiry Officer, as required under Rule-21 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classfification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991. In response, all the Charged Officers except Sri Munga Venkateswara Rao, formerr RDO, Tirupati and Sri P.Parthasarathy, former Dy.Tahsildar, Chinnagottigallu have submitted their explanations on the findings of the Enquiry Officer, vide their representations 9th to 13th read above and requested to drop further action against them. Government have observed that the Enquiry officer has not established any loss to Government; that on the orders of the High Court, Sri A. Prasad, former RDO, Tirupati has initiated further action and; after considering the opinion of AGP Dated:30-4-2012, he imposed a fine Rs.5000/- on each dealer in the month of May 2012. In respect of the other Charged Officers, the charges are not held proved.

4. Therefore, Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided to drop further action against Sri Munga Venkateswara Rao, formerly Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupati; Sri D.Sivasankar Reddy, former ASO, Tirupati; Sri A.K.Govardhan Swamy, Dy.Tahsildar; Sri N.Ramesh Babu, former Deputy Tahsildar; Sri N.Sudhakar Reddy, Dy.Tahsildar; Sri P.Parthasarathy, former Dy.Tahsildar, Chinnagottigallu and; Sri A.Prasad, former Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupati, in this matter.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri Munga Venkateswara Rao, formerly Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupati(Retd.); Sri D.Sivasankar Reddy, former ASO, Tirupati and now District Supply Officer, West Godavari District; Sri A.K.Govardhan Swamy, Dy.Tahsildar; Sri N.Ramesh Babu, former Deputy Tahsildar; Sri N.Sudhakar Reddy, Dy.Tahsildar; Sri P.Parthasarathy, former Dy.Tahsildar, Chinnagottigallu and; Sri A.Prasad, former Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupati, in this matter.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.USHARANI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Munga Venkateswara Rao, formerly RDO, Tirupati (Retd); Sri A.K.Govardhan Swamy, Dy.Tahsildar; Sri N.Ramesh Babu, former Deputy Tahsildar; Sri N.Sudhakar Reddy, Dy.Tahsildar; Sri P.Parthasarathy, former Dy.Tahsildar, Chinnagottigallu and; Sri A.Prasad, former RDO, Tirupati (Through Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)

Sri D.Sivasankar Reddy, former ASO, Tirupati and now District Supply officer, West Godavari District, through the CAF&CS Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The CAF&CS Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Chittoor.
The Principle Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister
The PS to Hon`ble Deputy Chief Minister (Revenue).
The PS to Secretary to Govt. (Revenue).
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts officer, Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, Chittoor.
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SECTION OFFICER